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Subject [TEA-L] T3 May Announcements

Hello everyone,
Please read the following announcements regarding your T3 Grants.

Thanks!

Reminder: Make Your Plans to Attend the Vision 2020/Target Tech (T3) Joint Conference

This year's leadership conference will be a joint conference for Vision 2020 and T3 grantees. Vision 2020 grant awardees should attend August 3 (8:30am-4:00pm) and August 4 (8:00am-4:00pm). **T3 grant awardees should attend August 4 (8:00am-4:00pm), and August 5 (8:00am-4:00pm).** Schools awarded both grants should attend all three days.

The conference will be held in Austin, TX at the Airport Hilton.

Conference presentations will focus on grant requirements, identification of best practices, as well as, sharing of tools and resources from district and charters implementing successful programs.

Audience: Grant project coordinators, principals, counselors, teachers, and any other staff responsible for the successful implementation of the Vision 2020 or T3 grant.

Conference fee: \$150 per person for 2 days, \$200 for 3 days.

Please note that the conference registration fee is an allowable grant expense for staff actively involved with campuses implementing the Vision 2020 or T3 grants. Grantees are responsible for budgeting for these expenses.

Conference registration deadline is June 30, 2010.

Please go to <http://www.region10.org/instructionalTechnology/grantconference/> to register for the conference and for the hotel and for additional information.

Third Quarter Progress Reports

Please remember, progress reports for the T3 Collaborative Grant will be required quarterly, **per member district or charter school**. This quarter's Progress Report deadline is July 10th, 2010. Fiscal Agents, please ensure that all member districts and charter schools submit their progress reports by this deadline. The template for this quarter's progress report is attached.

Please be sure to include the name of your district in all attached documents you submit with your progress report.

Fiscal agents can submit their entire collaborative's reports in one email or member districts can submit them directly to T3@tea.state.tx.us.

Travel Change Impacting Grantees

It is the intent of this agency to comply with all Federal and State Laws and regulations, as well as all

Executive Orders (EO) issued that affect the conduct of this Agency's business. Executive Order 13513 signed by President Obama on October 1, 2009 prohibits employees traveling with Federal funds from sending, receiving text messages or checking email while driving. The United States Department of Education has stressed that this rule applies to grantees and sub-grantees of Federal funds. Since TEA is funded significantly by the Federal Funds, employees in traveling status while conducting state business must be in compliance with this EO. The OP is also being updated to include this restriction.

ARRA Reporting Reminder

The second quarter ARRA Reporting to the federal government went very smoothly and TEA is very appreciative of everyone's efforts. Please be sure to continue to check TEA's ARRA Stimulus webpage frequently for updates. <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>.

ARRA Funding Reminder

As everyone knows by now, it is imperative that we spend the ARRA funding swiftly and impeccably. We have pulled an Expenditure Report reflecting expenditures to date. Many collaboratives are doing an outstanding job drawing down their funds. We continue to see collaboratives who have spent less than 10% of their T3 funds. As we enter the third quarter, we expect to see more funds drawn down from all grantees.

Please ensure that your T3 grant program is fully committed to the direction provided by the US Congress and Secretary of Education. As ARRA recipients, it is essential that funding is being utilized in a timely manner to not only stimulate the economy and provide jobs, but also to benefit our Texas students by providing technology-rich classrooms with engaging lessons as soon as possible. The expectation of the ARRA funding is to utilize funding immediately to help you reach your goals and to assist in stimulating the economy. The ARRA funding is currently being closely monitored by the US government and it is of highest importance that the State of Texas is compliant with its direction and reporting requirements.

Educational Technology Reports

Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit group, conducted the Speak Up 2009 survey to learn: What barriers are holding back innovation and the use of education technology in our schools?

How can we improve learning opportunities for all students using emerging technologies such as digital textbooks, online learning, mobile devices, games and social networking?

How can we help our students become "Digital Citizens" while addressing parents' concerns about internet safety and technology use at school?

What's needed to develop the next generation of teachers?

Over 368,000 K-12 students, educators, parents and pre-service teachers participated in the survey.

Here are the links to two national reports that were recently released for the Speak Up National Research Project and Speak Up 2009:

Creating Our Future: Students "Speak Up" About Their Vision for 21st Century Learning

<http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/pdfs/SU09NationalFindingsStudents&Parents.pdf>

Unleashing the Future: Educators "Speak Up" about the use of Emerging Technologies for Learning

<http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup/pdfs/SU09UnleashingTheFuture.pdf>



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